

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant has carefully reviewed the office communication mailed April 4, 2008. In that office communication, the Examiner indicated that the application contained claims directed to four patentably distinct species. The Examiner required the election of one species. The four species identified by the Examiner are as follows:

Species 1 is drawn to the embodiment disclosed in figures 3-4;

Species 2 is drawn to the embodiment disclosed in figure 6;

Species 3 is drawn to the embodiment disclosed in figure 7a; and

Species 4 is drawn to the embodiment disclosed in figure 8.

The Examiner requires the election of the claims encompassing the elected species.

In response to this election requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species 4 (as identified by the Examiner) and encompassing claims 1-9, 15, 16, and 20-22 without traverse.